

Candidate Information

As Salaam Alaikum,

In an effort to introduce yourself to the community, please provide your brief background and your plans.

JazakAllah Khair
Election 2018 Committee

Last Name *

ALI

First and Middle Name *

MUHAMMAD

Position *

PRESIDENT



Introduction *

Begin with some background information about yourself. Try to include some qualities that separate you from your opposition. Keep it positive and perhaps touch on some issues that are of concern to voters.

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful !

Br Ali's Journey of Love with Masjid started at age 14 when he started volunteering at Jamia Masjid Mansehra with the elders to deliver Iftar before Maghreb to those underprivileged widows and orphans whose fast otherwise would have lasted through the night after fasting all day at.

Br Ali have a goal to develop, and implement an equal opportunity process for all the Muslim Youth of Greater Houston to come out of neglected audience and be at the podium of Leadership of the community.

He would seek the help of the Board in developing a process which provides an equal opportunity to all youth, and not just few chosen one's. He strongly believes that favoritism exists because there is no process, which deprives the community of right role models among youth who are religiously motivated and socially accomplished.

A Unified, Goal Oriented, Financially Accountable and Transparent ISGH Board that is there to serve and accomplish set goals and prepare future servant Leadership.

Replace bad politics with good service attitude by Incorporating the experience of Elders for mentoring the youth of community to pass the Baton on to the new generation.

Highest Level of Education *

- High School
- Bachelors
- Masters
- Doctorate

Area of Study *

Your major for degrees or certificates earned in an institution of higher learning. Mention the name and location of the Institution.

Information Technology, Mathematics, Statistics, Pharmaceutical Technology

Current Profession *

Job title, Job Description, if Retired Previous Profession

Hospital Pharmacy Buyer

Formal Islamic Education *

Please briefly share any religious training you have received, such as graduate of an Islamic University or Madrassah, Hafiz Quran, Dars Nizami, Certificate in Arabic, Islamic Finance, or if you have studied under a known sheikh.

Br Ali studied under Numerous great scholars, but getting his early Islamic education from Late Mufti Abdul Haye, and Tarbiah from Late uncle Molana Khalid Mehmood Balakoti were some of the best times of Br Ali's early childhood.

Br Ali's received his Quranic education from Qari Amjad Qureshi and Qari Ayub in Mansehra. He has thoroughly studied the literature of Late Scholars like Molana Israr, Molana Syed Abul A'la Modudi, and Molana Shibli Nomani. He is currently reading Hikayat E Sahaba.

His Dua is that May Allah SBWT accept everything from these Scholars as Sadaqa Jaria, and help us benefit from there teachings to have better understanding in following the life of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad Peace and Blessings be upon Him.

Previous Leadership Experience *

What experiences in your personal, professional or political life have helped shape you and made you the person you are today? Discuss your titles, community and civic work, awards and other offices you've held. How do those experiences translate into being a better candidate for the position you are running? Don't just create a laundry list of accomplishments, but work your experience into a larger narrative. A little bit about you personally goes a long way. Voters want to know about you, but maybe not every detail of your life. Include both personal and professional content that helps provide a rounded idea of who you are.

A dedicated civic activist and volunteer whose commitment is to unite the community. He has served on the ISGH Board as the Southeast Zone Director, Associate Director of Masjid Abu Bakr at Hwy3, IEIT Advisory Panel for SE Zone, and volunteered with several Masajid throughout the years including the Ramadan Committee, Youth Coordinator, Interfaith Dawah, and ISGH Election Commission.

A former volunteer fire fighter, and Media Person, he currently is a serving on Advisory Panel of San Jacinto Community College Pharmacy Program ,as as an Assistant Treasurer Harris County Democratic Party, member of the Finance Committee of SD6 , and elected Precinct Chairman for the past four years.

He is tirelessly and selflessly working to bring non-partisan civic engagement to the Muslim community Alhamdullilah.

Goals *

Please list three most urgent issues you will tackle first if you are elected for your position

Unifying the Board by removing Misconceptions through Constructive Dialogue and by identifying mutually agreed achievable goals to be presented to the community to choose from for the Board to accomplish over the period of their tenure.

Improve Financial Transparency and Accountability by process improvements, a bit more Thorough Audits, Employing Accounting professionals who assist Zonal Directors and Masjid Counsel with their financial questions, and is Independent in their role of Service to the community and the Donors through Local Masjid Zonal Counselors. In a nutshell a helping hand that is Local Masajids and Zones instead of Shura or Executive Body.

Identifying and Improving all processes that discourage an equal opportunity platform for the youth and Sisters of the community to become future Leaders who are Inspired by Islamic teachings and otherwise have a zeal to be socially accomplished, but can't seem to overcome the glass ceiling because of somewhat hostile, Immature and unprofessional segments of the system where power and negative egos have taken over the Goodness and humility.

May Allah SBWT help with these tasks and remove all the hurdles inshAllah.

What do you want to accomplish? *

What do you want to accomplish during your time in office? Perhaps your goals can relate to previous accomplishments in your life. Use some examples if you can. Take a situation and how you handled it and use it as a template for this section.

Alhamdulillah it was shere Mercy of Allah SBWT that during Br Ali's term as Director, he was able to help secure Two Parcels of Lands for Muslim Cemetery, and he plans to InshAllah help Develop both Cemeteries. Br Ali would also like to and work on Initiative to make a Muslim Burial either Free of Cost or with bare minimum charges, whichever way Allah SBWT blesses him, the Board and at-Large community InshAllah.

Identify and present to the Community for an input of an idea of affordable Muslim High School and Boarding School from IEIT Platform. Look into the possibilities of utilizing Shut Down facilities of HISD or other school District. Focus of the School will be aligned with IEIT, and if approved by the community, to develop a platform for the same InshAllah.

Getting the community involved in non-Partisan civic engagement by providing a communication platform to both Major parties.

Through activating a Govt affairs committees to identify and assist with youth job placement at Government and elected official offices InshAllah.

Reduce Donor Fatigue via utilizing a city wide Focus group to identify and approach the Revenue opportunities for the expenses of Main Center other then the donations collected in the Masajid. The funding from main stream grocers in rebates, and Donation matching by employers of different professionals. This will significantly improve the finances of Main Center without further Burdening the Local Masajid InshAllah to fulfill future needs.

Final Thoughts *

End on a strong note. Finish your candidate biography with a strong statement about your purpose for running and what you hope to accomplish in the office you seek. Be inspirational and specific.

Br Ali stood guard to ensure that fiduciary trust is maintained as a community Amanaah and was the voice of reason whenever a potential conflict of interest arose. His most notable stance had been self-accountability where he worked to successfully pass resolutions to limit the individual spending authority of ISGH Board Members and prevent the Board from sending large amounts to outside entities. He was instrumental in reserving both Youth and Sisters At Large positions on the Islamic Center Councils to encourage them to run for elected positions and eventually serve on the ISGH Board.

Equipped with strong religious background, extensive experience in public service and public speaking Alhamdulillah Br Ali comes across as an experienced and accomplished young leader. As a president of ISGH is the Platform that Br Muhammad Ali is most suitable to serve.

May Allah SBWT bless Muslim community of Greater Houston, Our Elders who gave us an excellent organisation, and our Sisters and youth who are the future of ISGH.

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